Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 25 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 26 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 24 Dec 2021 at 11:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold, windy but often clear conditions on Christmas Day and for thicker cloud to spread north on Boxing Day, but lower confidence for details of snowfall. Low confidence from Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 25 Dec 2021: Cold and largely clear. Bitterly cold in the strong easterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 25 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Saturday 25 Dec 2021

Weather: Dry with long clear or sunny periods throughout. The strength of the wind and coldness of the air will be a significant feature of the day, however. Cloud cover may be more occasional across Easter Ross.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95%.

Visibility: Should any mist or fog patches form in sheltered glens, they should be quick to clear through morning. Otherwise, visibility will be excellent with great clarity to the air. Little, if any low level cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	45/60 E	43/59 E	39/53 E	39/52 E	35/47 E	36/48 E	36/48 E	36/49 E	32/45 E
900	45/61 E	44/60 E	38/53 E	38/51 E	35/47 E	35/47 E	36/48 E	35/48 E	31/44 E
600	28/47 E	28/47 E	26/43 E	25/40 E	23/37 E	23/37 E	25/39 E	23/38 E	21/35 E
300	13/39 E	14/39 E	14/37 E	11/35 E	10/32 E	11/32 E	11/32 E	11/32 E	11/30 E
Glen	21/39 E	21/39 E	19/35 E	17/32 E	17/31 E	16/30 E	17/32 E	17/30 E	15/27 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-17	-6/-17	-6/-17	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16
900	-5/-16	-5/-16	-5/-16	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15
600	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-10
300	-2/-7	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-1/-6	-1/-6	-2/-7	-2/-7	-2/-7
Glen	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	2/-4	2/-3	2/-4	1/-4	2/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold with winds gusting up to 60mph on most exposed ground, and little respite away from lowest slopes. Sunshine will likely lead to strong glare off the existing snowfields.

Forecast for Sunday 26 Dec 2021

Weather: A cold and breezy start to Boxing Day with a mixture of clear skies and areas of cloud, generally above summits. Whilst areas north of Torridon should see bright or sunny spells, cloud tends to thicken across Skye and Glens Affric and Shiel with some patchy snowfall here. Cloud lowers and spreads northwards more widely through evening, away from the West Coast.

Maximum wind: East or southeast 25-35 gusting 45mph. Chance of gales on highest ground.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% falling 30%.

Visibility: A few areas of cloud above around 800m are possible through morning across Skye and the southern mainland ranges which will thicken and spread north later in the day to become fairly widespread above 600m. Away from this, visibility will be excellent. Patchy snowfall likely doing little to affect visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around freezing throughout.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 100m rising 600m from the south through evening.

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